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Travelling to the U.S.

Many Canadians travel to the United States. If you travel to the U.S., you need identification (ID).

Travel by air

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Travel by land or water

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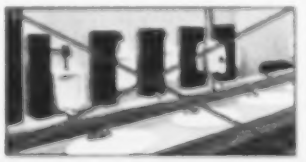

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OR

✔ photo ID from the government (for example: a driver's licence)

AND

✔ proof of citizenship (for example: a birth certificate or a citizenship card)

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Canadian children under 19 will need

✔ a birth certificate or a passport

Note: A birth certificate can be an original or a copy.

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For more information, go to:

www.smokefreeplaces.com

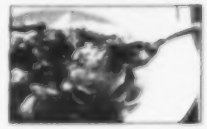
GST is 5 per cent

The GST went down on January 1, 2008. It went from 6% to 5%.

GST is short for Goods and Services Tax.

We pay the GST on many things. For example:

- haircuts
- meals
- clothes



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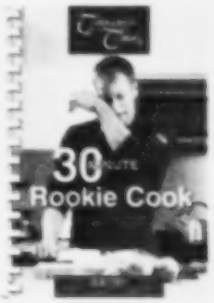

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Lisa says

Reader's story

Fun at the rec centre

We went to a recreation (rec) centre on October 23, 2007. It was the first time I went there.

I played floor hockey with my classmates for about two hours. I got a lot of goals.

I really enjoyed playing floor hockey. It is a good game.

Photos—Supplied

We played floor hockey.

I also enjoyed skating. After skating, we went to the weight room.

I really liked the rec centre. We were all very happy that day.

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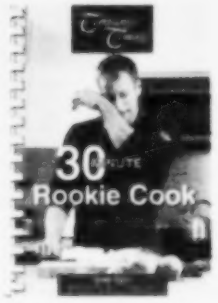

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Blair is very happy with these workers. Only one has quit. The jobs are great for the workers too.

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Photo of the month

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Ben by Daniel Shelton

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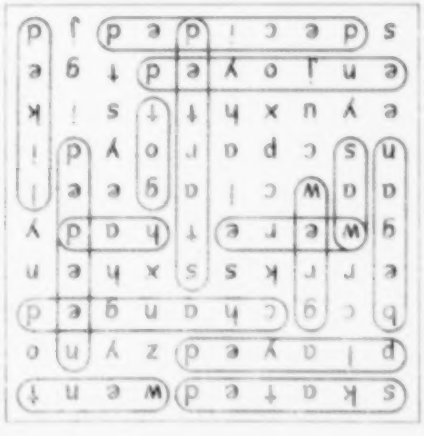

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Family Literacy: Learning Together

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Children between 4½ and 6 —helping them learn

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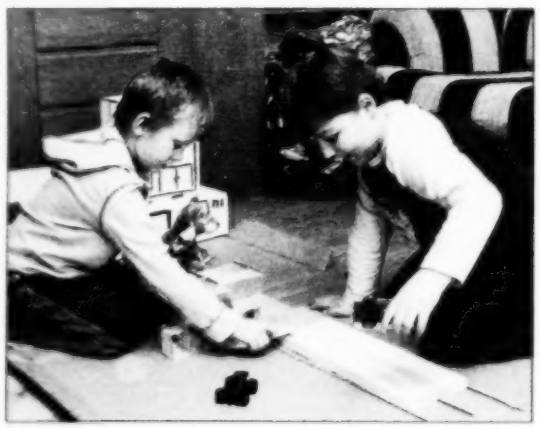

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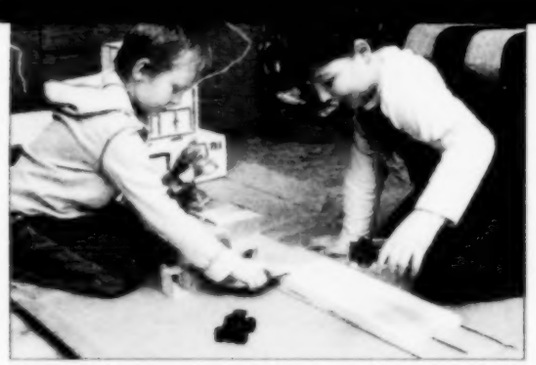

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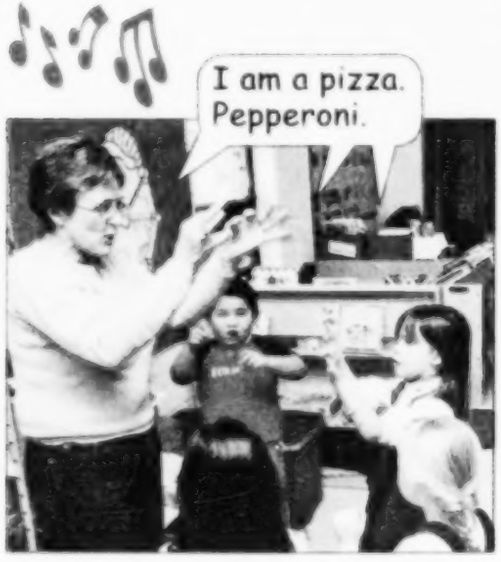
Diljot and her older brother have fun with playdough. Diljot has a good imagination.

Wilton's nieces love jokes, riddles and funny stories.



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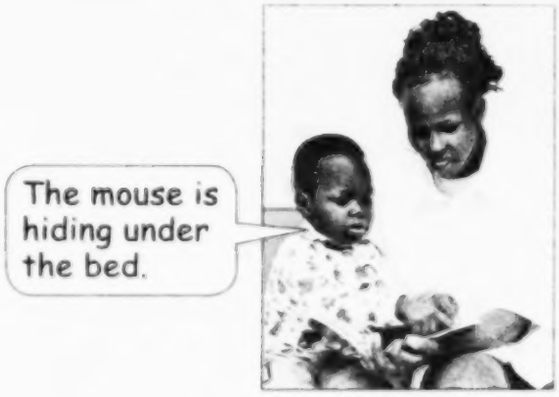


☞ Talk about your feelings. For example, "I was surprised at the end of the story. Were you surprised?"

Note: You can read to your child from birth on. It is never too early or too late to start. You can get children's books at a public library.

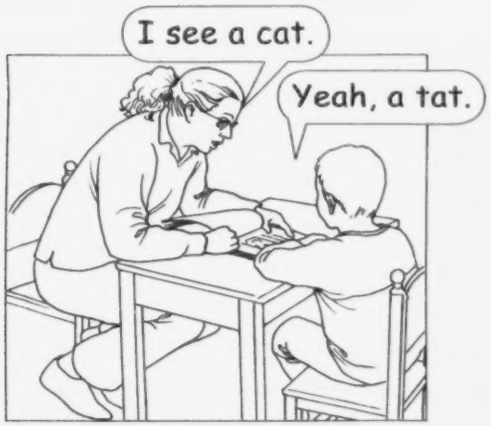
Important note

On these pages, we talk about children who are 4½ to 6 years old. Remember that every child is different. A child might do some things earlier than other children. A child might do some things later.

Ann's son gets help with his speech

My name is Ann. My family and I speak English.

My son Matt can't pronounce some sounds clearly. He gets help from a speech therapist at the public health centre.



Ready for kindergarten

Matt will start kindergarten soon. Will he get help with his speech there? I asked his speech therapist.

Everyday activities

At this age, children like new activities. You can do many activities with your child. You can do them in any language.

☞ Do fingerplays and rhymes with your child.

☞ Sing songs together in any language.

☞ Help your child learn the family's phone number.

☞ Teach your child your name and the name of other family members.

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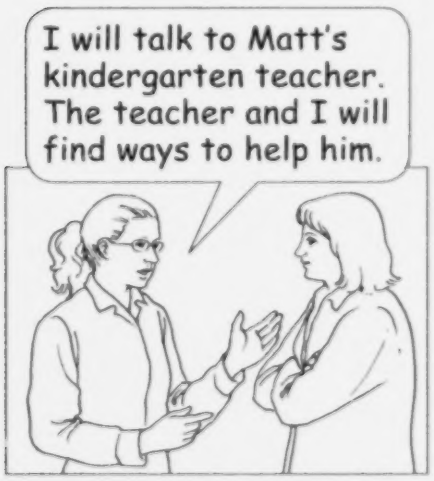

Note: Do you think that your child needs help? For example: with his speech? Be sure to tell the school when you register your child for kindergarten.

☞ Sing songs together in any language.

☞ Teach your child your name and the name of other family members.

☞ Show signs and labels to your child.

☞ Show your child that reading is fun.

☞ Tell stories from your culture.

☞ Talk about different customs and beliefs.

☞ Help your child learn to recognize his or her name.

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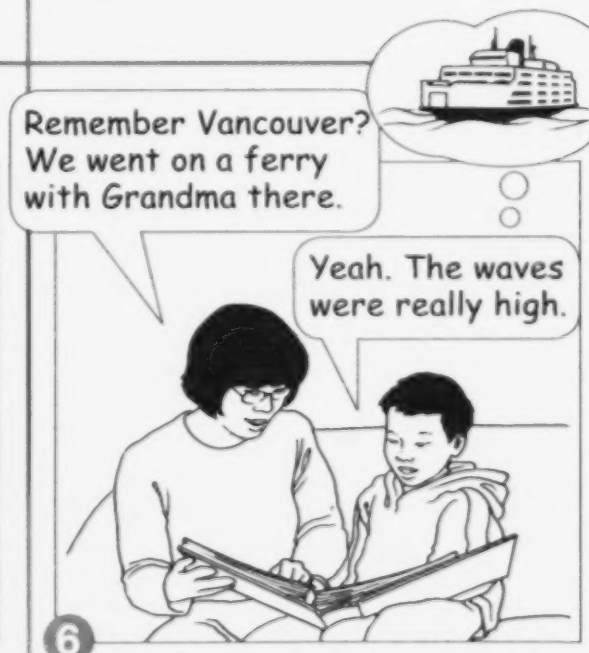


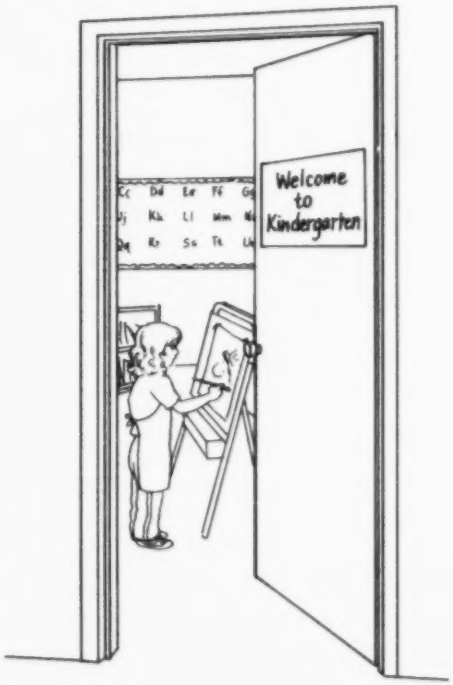
☞ Talk about photos. Have a conversation or retell a story.

☞ Compare different things.

Children learn at home and at kindergarten

Children learn at home and at kindergarten. They learn while they are playing.

Children do many different activities at kindergarten. Parents can do these activities at home too.



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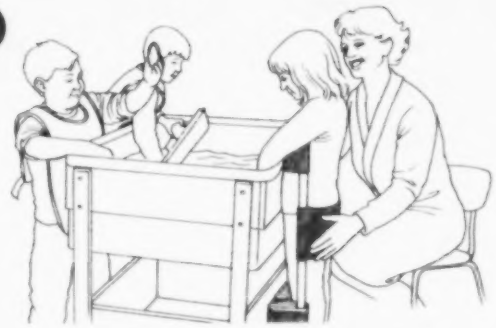

At kindergarten: These children are playing at the water table.

At home: Your child can help you wash dishes. Talk about what you do first, second and so on.

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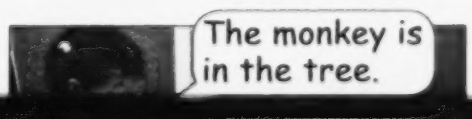

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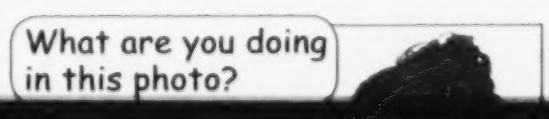

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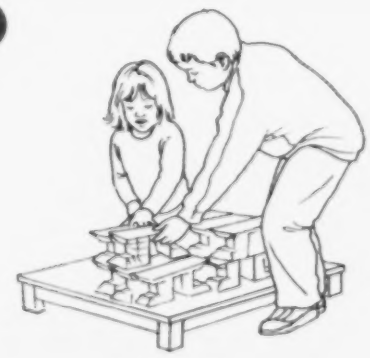

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At home: You can help your child talk about a toy, an object or a photo. Listen and ask questions.

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At home: You can build things with your child. Use blocks, boxes, sand or snow.

Did you know?

✔ Many communities have family literacy programs. Some programs are for children who are 3 to 5 years old.

✔ Public libraries often have storytime for children up to 5 years old.

Note

In this issue, we use the word "parents." We mean mothers, fathers, foster parents and other people who are raising children. For example: grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Kindergarten tips

Kindergarten is a big step for children. They start school.

Kindergarten is fun. Children make friends. They play new games and learn many things.

☞ Most children start kindergarten when they are 4½ to 5 years old.

☞ Kindergarten classes can be in schools, day care centres and other places. Many children go to kindergarten at their local school.

☞ Kindergarten starts in the fall. Try to register your child for kindergarten in the spring.

☞ You can help your child get ready for kindergarten. Visit the kindergarten together. Talk about things your child will do there.

Many kindergartens have an open house in the spring. It is a good time to meet the teacher and see the classroom.

☞ Is your child in kindergarten? Talk together about your child's day. Praise your child often.

Make a drum together

You and your child can make a drum together.

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- ✔ a large, empty coffee can with a plastic lid
- ✔ 2 pieces of paper

- ■ Glue the paper to the can.
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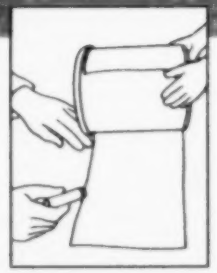

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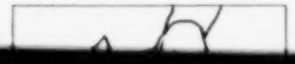

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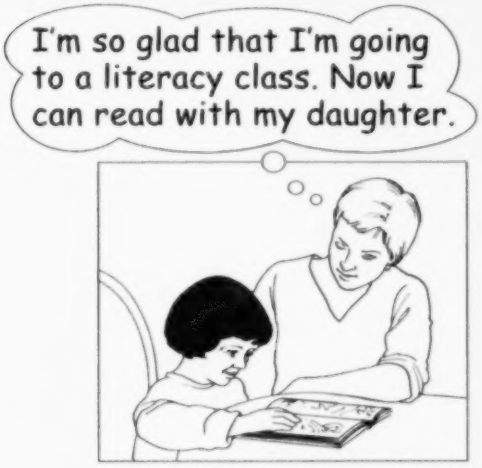

Would you like information about adult literacy or English as a second language programs? You can phone the Literacy Help Line.

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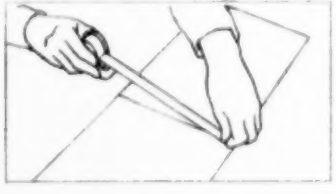

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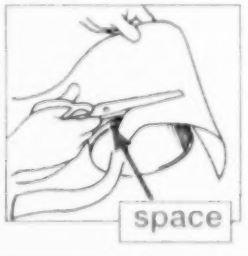

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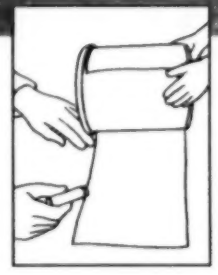

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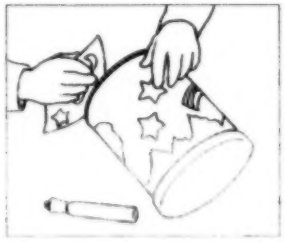

Things to do

☞ Play the drum together while you listen to music.

☞ Try different rhythms. For example, say a sentence and beat out the rhythm.

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Instruments of the world

Bagpipes

Diane plays the bagpipes

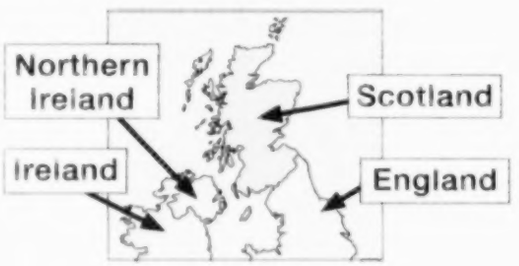
Diane lives in Edmonton. She plays the Highland bagpipes. Diane started to play when she was nine. Her dad played the bagpipes.

Diane says you need good lungs to play the bagpipes. You need strong cheek and lip muscles too.

The bagpipes are very loud. Diane wears earplugs when she practices. The earplugs protect her ears.

Member of a pipe band

Diane plays in a pipe band. Everyone wears a uniform. Both men and women wear kilts.



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Watch a video!

Watch and listen to Diane play the bagpipes on our website.

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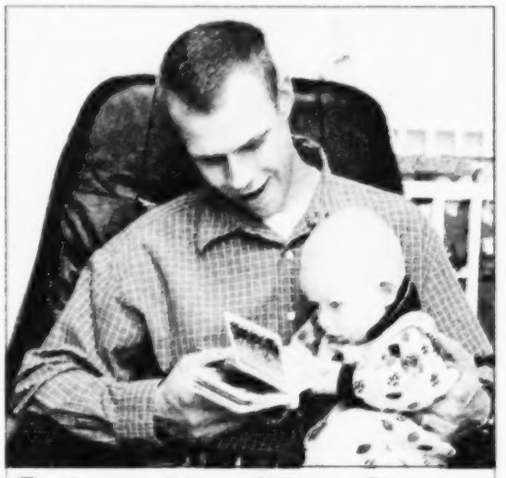

Try to read to children often. You can tell them stories too.

Lunar New Year

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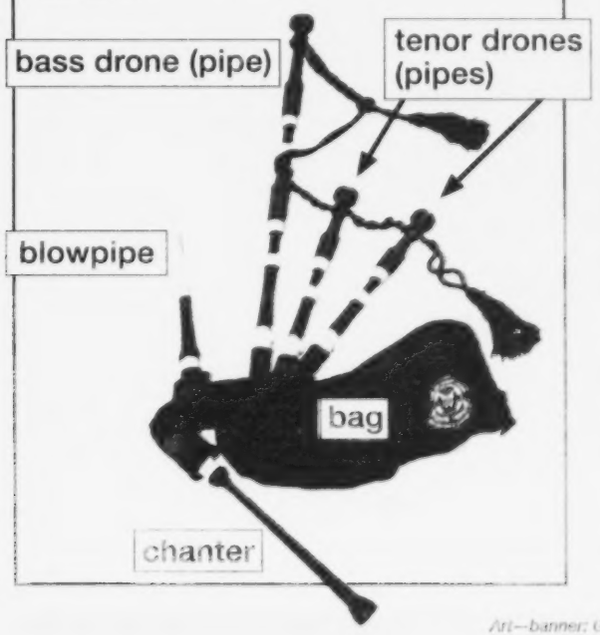

How to play the bagpipes

A piper has to blow, squeeze and play notes at the same time.

1 Diane blows air into the bag.

2 She presses her arm on the bag of air. The air slowly comes out through reeds in the pipes. The reeds make sounds.

3 She plays notes on the chanter. There are only nine notes.

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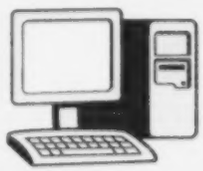

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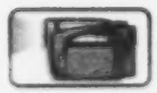

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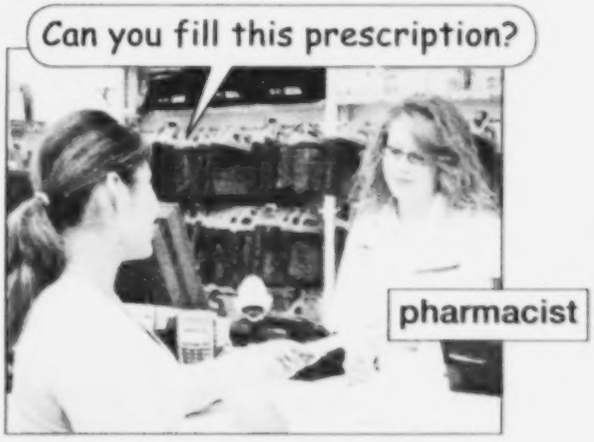
Going to the pharmacy

Maritza has an earache.
She goes to the doctor.
She gets a prescription.
It is for ear drops.

Maritza goes to the pharmacy



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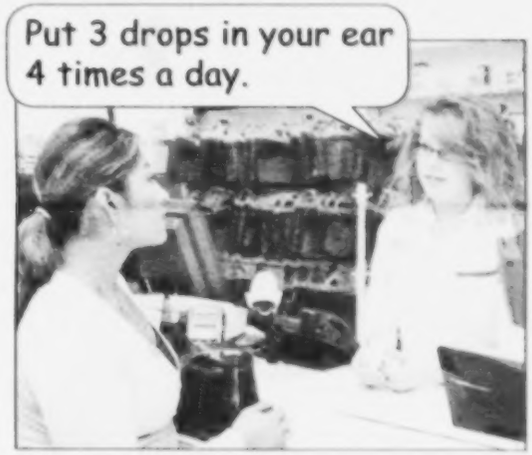

3 The prescription is ready. The pharmacist tells Maritza how to use the drops.

4 Maritza asks questions. Then she goes home. She uses the ear drops for 7 days.

Find the words

Find the words in the puzzle. Some words go across and some go down.

began	needed
changed	played
decided	skated
enjoyed	started
got	was
grew	went
had	were
liked	

s k a t e d w e n t
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Tips from pharmacists

✔ Don't be afraid to ask questions.

✔ Don't share medicine with other people.

✔ Follow the directions. For example:

Take at mealtime.

Take on an empty stomach.

Finish all this medicine.

Shake well.

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(Answers on page TN-1)

Find these words in the puzzle.
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Art: Nola Johnston

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clues
conversation
feelings
friends
independent
kindergarten
recognize
sharing
stickers
therapist
together

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Books for children

Public libraries have many children's books. A librarian can help you find books for your child. Here are some books for children between 4½ and 6 years old.

Machines at Work by **Byron Barton**

Garbage Trucks by **Jean Eick**

The Lot at the End of My Block by **Kevin Lewis**

Nanabosho: How the Turtle Got Its Shell by **Joe McLellan**

Sheep in a Jeep by **Nancy Shaw**

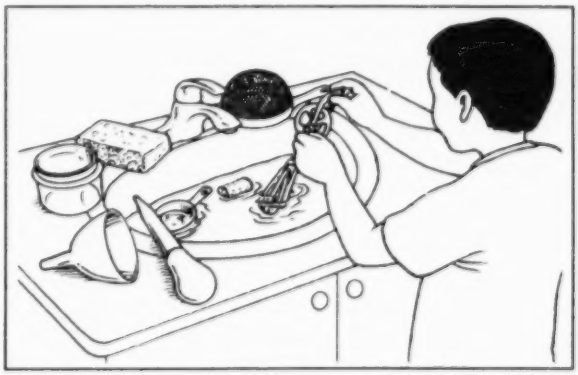
Old Bag of Bones by **Janet Stevens**

Ulaq and the Northern Lights by **Harriet Peck Taylor**

Do Pigs Have Stripes? by **Melanie Walsh**

Water play

Children love to play with water.
Fill a sink with water and have fun together.



Art: Nola Johnston

Find these objects in the drawing.

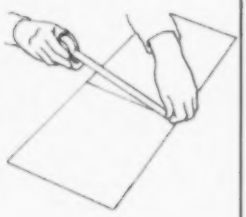
- ❑ plastic container
- ❑ meat baster
- ❑ measuring cup
- ❑ cork
- ❑ funnel
- ❑ strainer
- ❑ sponge
- ❑ egg beater

Make a drum

On page D, you learn how to make a drum with your child.
What comes first? What comes second?
Number the sentences below.

___ Glue the paper to the can.

___ Play the drum together while you listen to music.



___ Tape 2 pieces of paper together so they fit around the can.

1 Find a large empty coffee can with a lid.

___ Decorate the drum.

___ Cut the top edge of the paper to fit the can.

Art: Nola Johnston

Discussion

- What kinds of drums are there?
- What are drums made of?
- Have you ever played drums?
- Where can you hear drums?

Activity

Write the story of how you will make a drum.

Art: Guy Parsons

Open, shut them

This activity is fun to do with your child.

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Words	Actions
Open, shut them, Open, shut them, Give a little clap, clap, clap!	Open and close your fists. Open and close your fists. Clap three times.
Open, shut them, Open, shut them, Put them in your lap, lap, lap!* Creep them, crawl them, Slowly creep them, Right up to your chin, chin, chin!	Open and close your fists. Open and close your fists. Pat lap three times. Walk your fingers from your chest to your chin.
Open wide your little mouth, But do not let them in!	Open your mouth. Hide your hands behind your back.

* Make up your own words and actions for this line. For example, give your head a tap, tap, tap!

Riddles

(Answers on page TN-1)

On page A, Wilton's nieces listen to a funny story.
At this age, children love jokes, riddles and funny stories.
Match the correct answer to each riddle.

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1. What did the bee say to the flower?	a. Your lap
2. What has teeth but can't bite?	b. Fast food
3. What has hands but never washes them?	c. Hi, honey.
4. What always disappears when you stand up?	d. A comb
5. What has 88 keys but never opens a door?	e. Mooo-vies
6. What television programs do cows watch?	f. A clock
7. What do race car drivers eat for breakfast?	g. A piano

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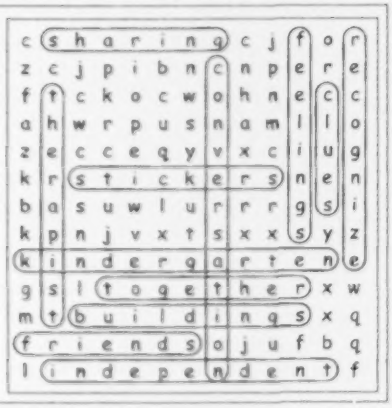

Riddles (TN-2)

1. c
2. d
3. f
4. a
5. g
6. e
7. b

Kindergarten in Alberta

✔ Talk about expectations that kindergarten teachers have of parents. For example:
Children should be on time.
Children should get enough sleep.

✔ Talk about volunteering at kindergarten. List some things that parents can do, including activities that do not require reading. For example: photocopying, cutting, washing toys, mixing paints, going on field trips.

✔ Talk about kindergarten registration. It's okay for parents to ask questions about hours, holidays, costs, routines and so on.

Asking your child questions

✔ Talk with your students about questions and question words (how, what, where, when, who and why). Asking questions that start with these words encourages children to talk.

✔ Here are some questions parents can ask children about kindergarten or day care.

- **Who** did you play with today?
- **What** did you make? **How** did you make that?
- **What** are you learning about now?
- **What** learning centres did you go to today? (art, math, music, water, etc.)
- **Can you tell me** about the story you heard today?

Resource: *Curriculum Handbook for Parents* <http://www.education.gov.ab.ca/parents/handbooks/> Select Kindergarten.

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Numbers in the news

Answers on page TN-1

Answer the questions. Choose from the numbers in the box.

1. Diane was __9__ when she started to play the bagpipes.
2. Children under _____ will need a birth certificate or a passport to go to the U.S. by air, land or water after January 31, 2008.
3. The GST went down to _____ % on January 1, 2008.
4. You can play _____ notes on the bagpipes.
5. Maritza must put _____ drops in her ear _____ times a day.
6. Lunar New Year starts on February _____.
7. Simon and his class went to the rec centre on October _____.

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Crossword

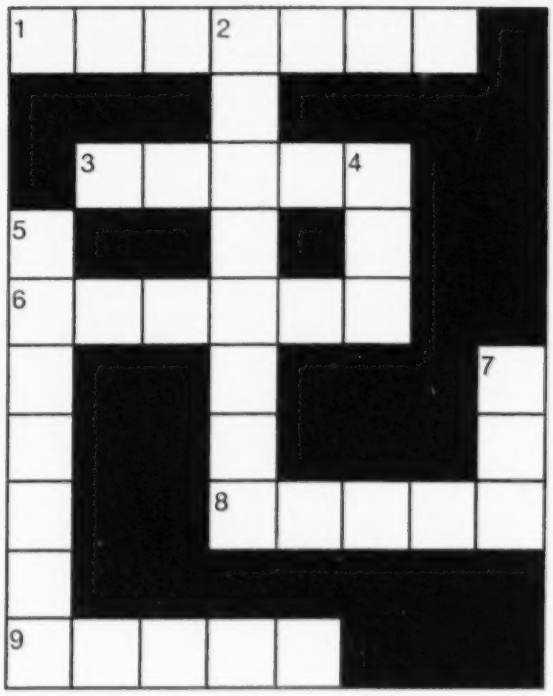
Answers on page TN-1

Across

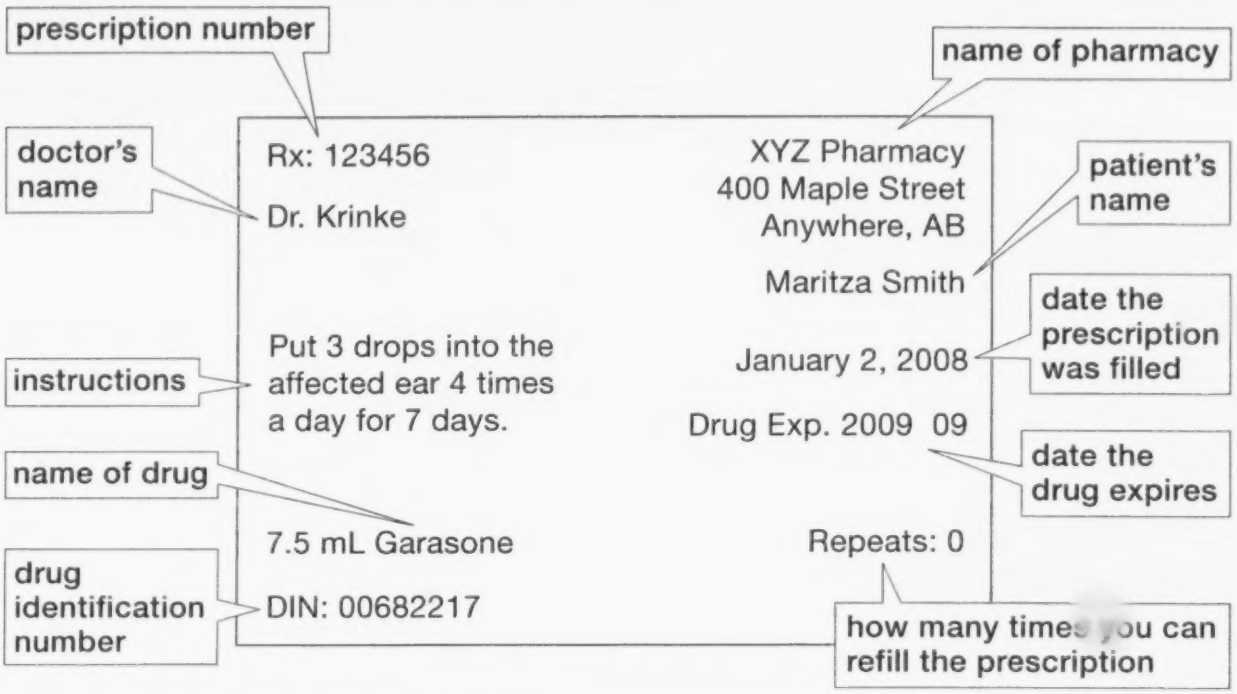
1. It growls when you are hungry.
3. Don't _ _ _ _ _ medicine.
6. Another name for physician
8. Opposite of full
9. _ _ _ _ _ well.

Down

2. When you eat a meal
4. You hear with it.
5. The place where you live
7. Opposite of night



Maritza gets a prescription filled



1. What is the name of the drug?

2. How many times a day does Maritza put the drops in her ear?

3. How many refills can she get?

4. When was the prescription filled?

5. What month and year does this prescription expire?

6. What does DIN stand for?

7. What is the address of the pharmacy (drug store)?

Fun at the rec centre

Here is Simon's story from page 2 of *English Express*. Some words are missing. Fill in the blanks. Use words from the box. (Use each word only once.)

We ___went___ to a recreation (rec) centre on October 23, 2007. It _____ the first time I went there.

I _____ floor hockey with my classmates for about two hours. I _____ a lot of goals.

I really _____ playing floor hockey. It is a good _____.

I also enjoyed _____. After skating, we went to the _____ room.

I really enjoyed the _____ centre. We _____ all very happy that day.

by Simon Onyango, Edmonton

enjoyed
game
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Company's Coming

Answers on page TN-1

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence. Write the sentence.

1. got /Lisa/Company's /in/a/2005/Coming/job/at

_____

2. employee/He/who/deaf/was/had/one

_____

3. some/example/For/around/moving/had/problems

_____

4. didn't/money/She/much/make

_____

5. too/workers/jobs/are/for/The/great/the

_____

6. the/manager/is/Blair/company's/Lundy/a/warehouse/ in

_____

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Answers for exercises

Company's Coming (TN-2)

Here are some possible sentences.

1. Lisa got a job at Company's Coming in 2005.
2. He had one employee who was deaf.
3. For example, some had problems moving around.
4. She didn't make much money.
5. The jobs are great for the workers too.
6. Blair Lundy is a manager in the company's warehouse.

Numbers in the news (TN-4)

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Crossword answers (TN-4)

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Going to the pharmacy

☞ Remind students to save the official prescription receipts. They may be able to use them for their income taxes.

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